

**REMARKS**

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 28, 2003, Applicants hereby confirm the Examiner's Amendments to the Claims.

Applicants submits an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.321 to correct minor informalities in Claims 6, 7, 8, 16 and 22. In particular, Claims 6, 8, and 22 are amended to correct dependency errors. Claim 7 is amended to delete glycosaminoglycan. Claim 16 is amended to delete the phrase "implanted within a body" to correct antecedent basis error. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to these claims relate merely to formal matters, and therefore respectfully requests approval and entry of the amendments.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which is determined to be due in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-72773/AMP/ (470255-37)).

Respectfully submitted,

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